

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002113.

Please add new claims 19-38 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (new): A torque transmission device, comprising:

- an impeller connectable in a torsionally fixed manner to a drive shaft;
- a turbine connectable in a torsionally fixed manner to an input shaft;
- a housing accommodating the impeller and the turbine;
- a converter lockup clutch configured to lock together the impeller and the turbine in a torsionally fixed manner;
- a flange disposed between the impeller and the turbine and connected in a force-locking manner to at least one of the housing and the impeller; and
- a first coupling configured to connect the flange in a frictionally engaged manner to the turbine.

Claim 20 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein the torque transmission device is for a motor vehicle.

Claim 21 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein the torque transmission device includes a fluid coupling device.

Claim 22 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein the fluid coupling device is one of a Fröttinger device and a torque converter.

Claim 23 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, further comprising a stator disposed between the impeller and turbine.

Claim 24 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, further comprising a torsional vibration damper coupled to the housing and wherein the flange is mounted on the torsional vibration damper.

Claim 25 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, further comprising a third switchable coupling configured to uncouple the impeller from the input shaft, wherein the impeller is rotatable relative to the input shaft in a disengaged state of the third coupling.

Claim 26 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 25, further comprising a second switchable coupling configured to lock the impeller together with the flange in a torsionally fixed manner.

Claim 27 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 25, wherein the third switchable coupling acts between the impeller and the housing.

Claim 28 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein the flange is selectively coupleable to at least one of the impeller and the turbine in a torsionally fixed manner.

Claim 29 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 24, wherein the torsional vibration damper is disposed within the housing.

Claim 30 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 19, wherein at least one of the impeller and the turbine are axially displaceable within the housing.

Claim 31 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first, second and third couplings is a friction clutch.

Claim 32 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in 31, wherein the friction clutch includes a friction lining.

Claim 33 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first, second and third couplings may be disengaged and engaged by an axial displacement of at least one of the impeller and the turbine.

Claim 34 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 33, wherein the axial displacement is performed hydraulically.

Claim 35 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 33, further comprising a first pressure channel and a second pressure channel.

Claim 36 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the first, second and third couplings are disengaged when the first and second pressure channels are at approximately the same pressure.

Claim 37 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the third coupling is engaged, and the first and second coupling are disengaged when the pressure prevailing in the first pressure channel is higher than the pressure prevailing in the second pressure channel.

Claim 38 (new): The torque transmission device as recited in claim 35, wherein the third coupling is disengaged, and the first and second coupling are engaged when the pressure prevailing in the second pressure channel is higher than the pressure prevailing in the first pressure channel.